

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the First Action of 9 MAR. 2007 and requests reconsideration of the claims as amended. Reference numerals have been deleted from the claims, as superfluous (MPEP 608.01(m)).

Page 6 of the Action indicated that claims 9-11 and 20-22 **would be allowable** if rewritten in independent form. This has been done, so that no further discussion of the art is believed necessary.

Claim 9 has been combined into claim 1, and claims 2-8 remain dependent upon independent claim 1.

Claim 10 has been made independent, and new subclaims 23-31, coordinate with original claims 2-9, have been added.

Claim 11 has been made independent, and new subclaims 32-39, coordinate with original claims 2-10, have been added.

Claim 20 has been combined into claim 12, and claims 13-19 remain dependent upon independent claim 12.

Claim 21 has been made independent, and new subclaims 40-47, coordinate with original claims 13-20, have been added.

Claim 22 has been made independent, and new subclaims 48-56, coordinate with original claims 13-21, have been added.

Due to the cancellation of former claims 9 and 20, the total number of pending claims is 54, i.e. 34 "extra." Independent claims number 6, i.e. 3 more than previously paid for. Accordingly, \$1700 plus \$630, total \$2330, is being submitted. Any deficiency may be charged to Deposit Account 23-0442.

If the Patent Office notes any remaining informalities which would prevent or hinder examination on the merits, a telephone call to counsel is requested.

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